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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Current Status, OSA Security Support
to R-12 Program

REFERENCE: [] dtd 15 Apr 63, Same Subject

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize Security support rendered by SS/OSA to the R-12 Program from 15 April 1963 to the present.

II. GROWTH OF R-12 PROGRAM

Since the previous report, technical study programs have been concluded by the various industrial suppliers competing for production contracts on the R-12 Program. All proposals were hand carried to WPAFB by contractor representatives designated by SS/OSA. The PHOTO [] proposals were delivered on 15 April, the [] on 22 April, and the Data Integration packages were submitted on 30 April 1963. Colonel Templeton's staff is presently reviewing in detail a total of eleven (11) proposals representing competitive study results on the systems mentioned above. Decisions regarding the awarding of contracts have not as yet been made, but are expected within the next few weeks. Also recently evaluated at WPAFB was a progress report provided by [] producer of the R-12 [] [] After review of the report, a number of new configuration requirements were levied on []

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III. PROCUREMENT

In the past month there has been less requirement for close liaison between CD/OSA and SS/OSA on the R-12 Program,

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since initial contractual and Security procedures had been established. However, in the coming months, considerable coordination and cooperation between these two groups will be necessary. [redacted] has been contracted for [redacted] through the end of this fiscal year, and the R-12 Program will obviously continue to expand rapidly. Contracting on the various sub-systems described above will take place in the very near future. This cannot be properly and efficiently effected without close coordination between CD/OSA, SS/OSA and WPAFB.

IV. SECURITY POLICY

1. Philosophy

The primary objectives in the Security administration of the OXCART/KEDLOCK-EARNING Programs remain the protection of the existence of both Programs and the preservation of the OXCART mission and the state of development of its vehicle. The latter can be accomplished only by absolute compartmentation between the Projects. In other words, an individual cleared for both must be fully aware that the two Programs are entirely different operations, and he must be familiar with the topics that would compromise OXCART to a person cleared for KEDLOCK only. It is expected that as both Programs progress, the differences between them will become more and more pronounced, and stress on compartmentation in briefings will become more and more vital.

2. Clearances

Clearance action during the past few weeks has slowed somewhat, since competitors were previously given the clearances necessary for the study period and have not yet entered into production. However, a drastic increase in requests for clearances is expected in the immediate future. For instance, approximately [redacted] have been participating to date in preliminary studies leading to a progress report by [redacted]. However, when the company meets required specifications and goes into production, [redacted] clearances will be required.

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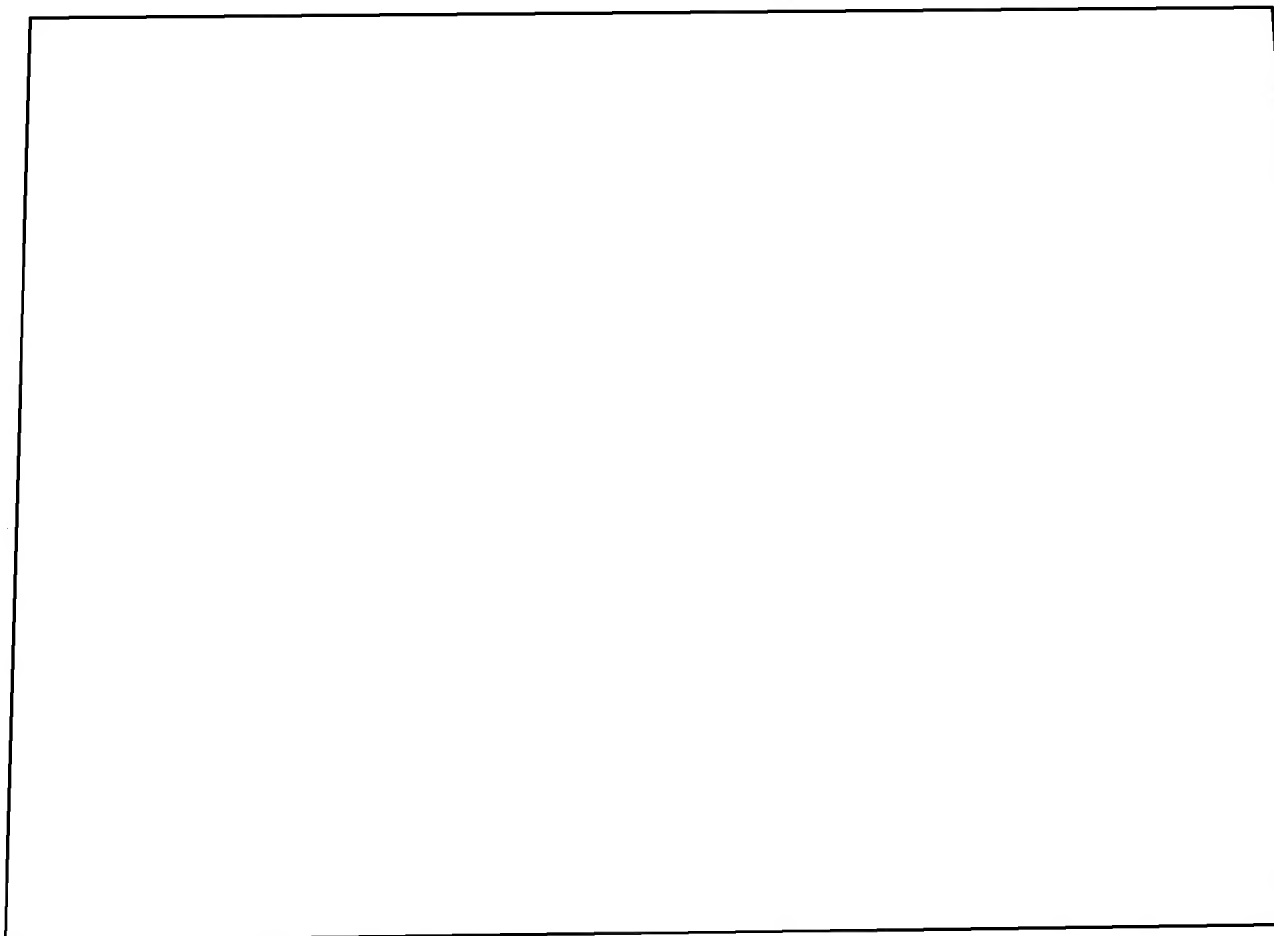
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3. Briefings

A representative of SS/OSA continues to brief key Government and contractor personnel approved for a KEDLOCK/Phase III briefing, during which CIA responsibility for contracts and Security is revealed. Plans are formulated to effect immediate debriefing of all personnel working for suppliers unsuccessful in bidding for an R-12 contract.

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V. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Support to R-12 Technical Office

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Close coordination between SS/OSA and Colonel Templeton's office at WPAFB continues to be imperative.

During the reporting period, [redacted] and [redacted] of SS/OSA visited WPAFB to review from a Security/management viewpoint all proposals submitted by contractors. For his consideration in evaluating the proposals, observations were then submitted in writing to Colonel Templeton, based on review of the proposals and actual Security experience with the suppliers. As previously mentioned, Security support will be of increasing importance to WPAFB in the months to come.

2. Visits to Contractor and USAF Facilities

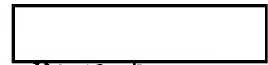
In order to ensure the continued effectiveness of an R-12 black procurement, and in order to brief key personnel on current Program developments, a total of eight (8) facility visits were accomplished since the previous report. Attachment #1 to this memorandum is a chronological listing of these visits. In addition to the trips enumerated, [redacted] has visited Colonel Leo P. Geary, R-12 System Program Director, and Colonel Raymond S. Rife, Executive Officer of Office of Special Investigations, (OSI) to discuss current OXCART/KEDLOCK activities. [redacted] OSI, has been assigned to SS/OSA to become thoroughly familiar with OXCART/KEDLOCK Security techniques and to assist in their implementation. [redacted] has also visited [redacted] to review his support to OXCART/KEDLOCK.

3. Personnel

As the R-12 Program expands, the need for assignment of a CIA Security Officer to Colonel Templeton's staff at WPAFB becomes progressively more obvious and urgent. Colonel Templeton's office is and will continue to be the operational fulcrum of the R-12 Project. In addition, this office provides vital support to the IDEALIST and OXCART Programs. Lacking professional Security guidance in such

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matters as briefings, travel, document control and physical security, the operation at WPAFB not only invites compromise to KEDLOCK, but to OXCART and IDEALIST as well. Of particular concern, as previously noted, is the threat of exposure to OXCART presented by KEDLOCK.


VI. CONCLUSION

The R-12 Program is clearly an ambitious endeavor which will have a tremendous impact on industry and Government. At this stage of development, the eventual scope of the Project appears boundless. Numerous exigencies of a Security nature are expected to demand attention in the future. However, well-defined Security tenets continue to preserve a covert procurement and maintain the required compartmentation between OXCART and KEDLOCK.



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